

A TALE OF TWO BEASTS (2)

Revelation 13:11-18

LD 14 04.06.25
Pastor Bob Johnson

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXT

The Importance of Preparation

- The power and presence of false prophets.
- Many false Christs lead to the Antichrist.
- Many false prophets lead to the False Prophets.
- See the counterfeit nature of the “unholy trinity.”

WHO IS THE FALSE PROPHET? [11]

Matthew 7:15

- Jesus warns us about false prophets.
- Pictured like a lamb? *Don't be deceived!*
- Watch out! For the cunning ways of false prophets.

WHAT KIND OF POWER WILL THE FALSE PROPHET HAVE? [12-14]

- There will be many counterfeit signs.
- The goal of signs and miracles will be simple: deception.
- The false religion will grow and an image will appear. Trouble.

WHAT IS THE PLAN OF THE FALSE PROPHET? [15-18]

- The consequences for not worshipping the image of the Beast.
- The Mark of the Beast.
- The Mark of God vs. the Mark of the Beast.
- Christians! Lead carefully, watchful, godly lives.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FOR TODAY?

- Satan's wonders may be impressive, but they are deceptive.
- Even when Satan's power is at its greatest, God's power is greater still.

Trust God in the midst of the trial.



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.

A Christ-centered community for a changing world

APRIL 6, 2025

FIRST KIDS

Sundays

0-3yrs: Nursery is available on the 2nd floor. **3yrs-5th Grade:** The kids begin their experience in 'big church' and then go to Kids Quest on the lower & upper level.

MOSAIC YOUTH

Wednesday Nights - Coffee House

Middle School Ministry (6th-8th): 6-7:30 PM

High School Ministry (9th-12th): 7:30-9 PM

Sundays

D-Groups (6th-12th) meet at 11 AM.

OUTREACH

Kadens Kloset is always accepting gently loved children's clothing in all sizes for foster/adopted children. **Volunteers are welcome to help in the closet.**

Food Shelf - We collect donations on the 1st Sunday of the month.

FIRST ADULTS



Iron Man Groups are small groups of men that meet weekly. If you are interested please contact *Ward Van Dyke*.

Women of the Word are small groups of women that meet

weekly. If you are interested please contact *Bekah Seuferer*.

Life Groups are small loving communities committed to loving each other, growing deeper in Christ, praying and caring for each other all in the warmth of a home and are open to anyone. If you are interested please contact *Bryant Seuferer*.

Morning Connect is on **Tuesdays, 6:30 AM** in the DeJong Coffee House. Helping men/women become disciples of Jesus Christ. *Led by Pastor Bob.*

Women Bible Study Groups meet once a month and are going through a study of the *Book of Acts*. *Contact the church office if interested.*



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First Church Worship Service is broadcast weekly on channel PellaTV 42 Thursdays at 7 PM & Sundays at 9:30 AM.

PRAYER CARE

If you are wanting to be prayed for after the worship service, there is someone at the front of the Sanctuary in the Prayer Cove that would love to pray for you.

People at First Church desire to hear from you when you are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized or with the death of a loved one. Please let us know so we can cover you in prayer and uphold you during the difficult times by **filling out the welcome card in the pews or emailing Shalene at frc.pce@frcpella.org**.

Pray for:

- Pastor Samuel Kawalya of Uganda. Pray for wisdom for their teachers as they teach children from a Biblical worldview.
- The Lord to help us grow in faith and love over these next forty days of Lent.
- God's nearness to Hollyn Glenn as she recovers from surgery.

Rejoice:

- For a blessed time for the men who attended the Men's Retreat last weekend.
- We rejoice in the beauty of spring among the trees budding, grass turning green and flowers blooming.



HAPPENINGS

EPICS Ministry

Join us on **April 7, 1:30 PM** at Third Church where the Tulip Queen and Court will present their 2025 program.

Adult Easter Choir

Some great songs have been selected and you will be inspired & blessed to sing and worship on Easter Sunday, April 20! **Rehearsals: Sundays, April 6 & 13 at 11 AM.** If you are able, willing and excited to be a part of this Easter Choir join us in the Sanctuary for rehearsals.

Tulip Time Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Tulip Time parking **May 1-3 from 8 AM-7 PM** in 2 hour shifts to operate the entrances and exits by lowering and raising ropes and helping people find their parking slots. Please sign up in the lobby or email Deb.

SAVE
THE
DATE

July 14-18
(6-8 PM)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Good Friday Service

The service will be **April 18, 6:30 PM.**

Easter Lily

Donate an Easter Lily in honor of a friend or in memory of a loved one. The lilies will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday and can be picked up following the Sunday morning Easter Service. The donation is \$16 per lily and is due **Monday, April 14.**

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesdays, April, 15 & 22 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES



THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Easter Choir
6 PM Seder Fest
- Monday:** 1:30 PM EPICS
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
9:30 AM Ruth Circle
- Wednesday:** 8 AM Hannah Circle
8 AM Kitchen Cleaning
6 PM Mosaic MSM
7:30 PM Mosaic HSM
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM Easter Choir

2025 Consistory (*Executive Team)

Elders

- Harry Ehrlich
Alex Foley
Stephen Patel
Paul Steenhoek
*Brad Uitermarkt (Vice President)
*JD Welander (Clerk of Consistory)

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- Nick Arkema (Clerk of Deacons)
*Verle Boot (Treasurer)
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*Gabe Zimmerman (Chair of Deacons/Assistant Treasurer)
Kyle Zylstra